

Cancer Control Early Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 14, 2007
9:00 -10:00 pm
Location: American Cancer Society, 2929 E. Thomas Rd.
Phoenix, Arizona
Call in number 1-800-496-4518 pass-code 144131

Attendees: Paula Hardison, Carol Harney, Jamie Sellar, Kendra Sabol, Sharon Jaycox, Betty DeCarlo, Anne White, Milton Wheat
Call in: Jody Pelusi, Stephen Joel Coons, Rosemarie Dominguez, Brenda Keith, Maria Tirado
Apologies: Patti King, Donald Brooks, Pat Priniski, Susan Leigh, Kay Kays, Barbara Kavanaugh

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Welcome	Carol Harney	
Introductions	Paula Hardison asked committee members to give titles, role, length of time in Quality of Life Committee and provide a statement on what they would consider their "dream project" for the committee.	
Overview Update on Coalition Review of Quality of Life Goals	<p>Kendra Sabol provided an overview of the Arizona Cancer Plan and noted that all 6 committees in the plan are working together as a coalition to reduce the burden of cancer in Arizona.</p> <p>Kendra read over the goals of the Quality of Life Committee and highlighted the objectives as written in the plan.</p>	
Current Status What's been accomplished Navigating the System	<p>Kendra Sabol reported on the Patient Navigation System Conference held on May 22.</p> <p>The project was planned by a Quality of Life subcommittee and chaired by Dr. Donald Brooks.</p> <p>Positive feedback continues to come in from seminar attendees.</p>	

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<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>The seminar consisted of a panel of individuals representing laymen and professions in the cancer industry from a number of organizations and professions. The panelist presented information regarding their respective organizations or specialties and served as guides to help the attendees understand the cancer resources specific to the panelist. The panel members provided information on how to disseminate or navigate the various cancer resources available from screening to and thru survivorship.</p> <p>All Conference evaluations read by Kendra (28) were favorable.</p> <p>Notable suggestion from the conference evaluation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take the patient navigation seminar out to the rural areas. - Establish a more ethnically diversified group to sit on the seminar panels. <p>Kendra reported that she had a display honoring National Survivorship Day in the lobby of the department of Health Services and an article regarding survivorship was presented in the weekly Update.</p> <p>Kendra presented the cancer Survivor toolbox & explained they are free from the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and recommended everyone order a supply.</p> <p>Kendra distributed the "Patient's Guide to Understanding the PACT+ Program" & "A Quick Guide to PACT+ ". She suggested that the committee consider the pharmaceutical companies as a resource and that drug reps are invited to a</p>	

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<p>What's in works Leadership Conference</p>	<p>committee meeting for further information.</p> <p>Delegates from the Arizona Cancer Coalition that attended the Leadership Conference in Los Angeles were asked to comment on the institute.</p> <p>Jamie Sellar stated that he was intrigued by the attention paid on the patient navigation information though he remains optimistic and believes we can do it here.</p> <p>Betty DeCarlo indicated that she noticed a passion for colorectal awareness and that she was happy to see modules on the subject were available.</p> <p>Jody Pelusi attended the Palliative Care and Survivorship modules. She indicated the patient navigation piece is important but wants to know how we can take it out to the communities and build on it.</p> <p>Maria Tirado: Commented on Patient Navigation. She indicated that patient navigation ends when treatment ends. Thereby, the challenges that persist throughout life are not being addressed.</p> <p>More information will be forthcoming as the Arizona delegation continues to discuss the action plans formulated at the institute.</p>	
<p>Moving Forward</p>	<p>Paula asked for an exchange of information and dialogue so that we could determine what/where our focus as a group should be.</p> <p>Following are the overall comments, concerns or issues expressed by the</p>	

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	<p>committee members.</p> <p>Ann White stressed the importance for the committee to adhere to the all the objectives and activities established in the plan. Specifically 4:1a- “collaboration with AZ Pain Initiative”. Kendra Sabol and Committee Chairs reassured group all goals and objectives will be addressed accordingly.</p> <p>Kendra Sabol: Stressed the importance of collaboration.</p> <p>Betty: Wants to see support for specific cancer and changing the vocabulary regarding “survivor”, to something more positive.</p> <p>Carol: Dying with dignity. Everyone Spoke to Patient Navigation and this is important.</p> <p>Brenda: Utilization of Patient Navigating, coalescing of research in Arizona, long-term and delayed effect of cancer treatment.</p> <p>Stephen: Latent effects and financial or mental issues relating to cancer.</p> <p>Maria Tirado: Access to care and more patient navigation.</p> <p>Rosemarie: Follow-up care and wellbeing. Funneling people into existing resources.</p> <p>Jody: Long term survivorship issues. Rural community access to care and collaboration. Definition of survivorship.</p> <p>Jamie: Access to services, care and patient navigation important. How does one access services that already available.</p>	

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	<p>Milton indicated that he never heard the words patient navigation. He suggests we come up with a tool for patients that would provide questions that they should ask their doctor.</p> <p>Paula Hardison recommended forming a group of volunteers to brainstorm possible projects and ways to harness resources already available. The subcommittee would formulate ideas based on the major issues presented at this meeting.</p>	<p>Sub-committee: Paula Hardison. Betty DeCarlo, Kendra Sabol, Maria Tirado, Jody Pelusi, Rosemarie Domminguez</p>
<p>Next Meeting(s) Sub-committee</p> <p>Full committee</p>	<p>June 19, 2007</p> <p>July 25, 2007</p> <p>August 29, 2007</p>	<p>call in number to be provided.</p>